(b) and (c) Moderation in the rate of inflation is due to supply side improvements in some essential items like wheat and sugar; strengthening of the rupees leading to a decline in rupee prices of imported goods; monetary and fiscal measures initiated by RBI and Government; and administrative measures including import of commodities like wheat and pulses through the public sector agencies. Stability in petroleum prices at the February, 2007 level also contributed to the lower head line inflation.

(d) Does not arise.

Funds for projects included in the Bharat Nirman Yojana

†234. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reason for not achieving the targets of the project included in the 'Bharat Nirman Yojana' is non-allocation of funds;

(b) if so, the details of such projects which have been allocated the funds less than the earmarked amount, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the efforts being made by Government for the success and achievement of targets by the said ambitious projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir. Bharat Nirman Programme for improving the rural infrastructure remains the cornerstone of the Government's policy. For 2007-08, Rs. 24,603 crore has been provided in the budget which marks an increase of 31.6 per cent over the outlay for 2006-07.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The programme is being closely monitored by the concerned Ministries which are implementing the various components of Bharat Nirman Programme. Progess of the various components is reviewed in the Planning Commission along with the concerned Ministries and the State Governments. The Committee on Rural Infrastructure is also monitoring the programme.

Filing of annual returns

235. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the total number of tax payers who filed annual returns under corporate/business and non-personal assessee categories since the assessment year 1996-97 upto 2006-07, showing the volume of tax collected from them;

(b) the details of advance tax collected from the assessees as in (a) above during the period in the assessment year since 1996-97 till 2006-07; and

(c) the year-wise details of excess tax deposits made by assessees as in (a) above necessitating refund of the same to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The year-wise details of total number of assessees who have filed their income-tax returns during the Financial Year 1996-97 to 2006-07 are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Financial Year	Total No. of returns (figures in lakhs)
1996-97	98.59
1997-98	114.48
1998-99	156.38
1999-2000	177.99
2000-01	201.69
2001-02	244.24
2002-03	245.30
2003-04	234.25
2004-05	244.29
2005-06	262.38
2006-07	275.44

Data sought in respect of returns filed under different categories is not maintained separately. However, tax collected is accounted under heads 'Corporate Income Tax' (CIT) and 'Personal Income Tax' (PIT). Volume of tax collected under these heads during the financial year 1996-97 to 2006-07 is as under:—

Financial Year	Corporate Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Personal Income Tax (Rs. in crores)
1996-97	18567	18234
1997-98	20016	17101
1998-99	24529	20240
1999-2000	30692	25655
2000-01	35696	31764
2001-02	36609	32004
2002-03	46172	36866
2003-04	63562	41386
2004-05	82680	49268
2005-06	101277	60757
2006-07	143260	81358

(b) The year-wise details of advance Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and advance Personal Income Tax (PIT) paid, from F.Y. 1996-1997 to 2006-07 are as under:—

Financial Year Year	Corporate Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Personal Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Total (Rs. in crores)
1996-97	N.R.A.	N.R.A.	N.R.A.
1997-98	N.R.A.	N.R.A.	N.R.A.

Financial Year Year	Corporate Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Personal Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Total (Rs. in crores)
1998-99	19078	5287	24365
1999-2000	23798	7051	30849
2000-01	25267	7347	32614
2001-02	27293	6801	34094
2002-03	40625	8534	49159
2003-04	49004	9709	58713
2004-05	73934	16100	90034
2005-06	68013	19071	87084
2006-07	99304	30748	130052

N.R.A.—Not readily available

(c) The year-wise details of refunds paid under 'Corporate Income Tax' (CIT) and 'Personal Income Tax' (PIT) heads are as under:—

Financial Year	Corporate Income Tax (Rs. in crores)	Personal Income Tax (Rs. in crores)
1996-97	N.R.A.	N.R.A.
1997-98	N.R.A.	N.R.A.
1998-99	N.R.A.	N.R.A.
1999-2000	N.R.A.	N.R.A.
2000-01	9352	3399
2001-02	13866	3354
2002-03	16778	5253
2003-04	18669	7068
2004-05	22509	6005
2005-06	23560	6472
2006-07	29085	8228

N.R.A.—Not readily available

Circulation of Ten-rupee Coin

236. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are well aware about the demand of public for the circulation of Rs. 10/- coin in the country;

(b) if so, in view of this important demand of the public when the said coin is expected to be circulated;

(c) whether this coin should be got minted in India or abroad; and

(d) what is the size, shape and weight of the coin?